

73315 Nursing Service-Patient Care

(a)

No patient shall be admitted or accepted for care by an intermediate care facility except upon the order of a licensed healthcare practitioner acting within the scope of his or her professional licensure.

(b)

Each patient shall be treated as an individual with dignity and respect and shall not be subjected to verbal or physical abuse of any kind.

(c)

Each patient, upon admission, shall be given proper orientation to the intermediate care facility and the facility's services and staff.

(d)

Each patient shall show evidence of good personal hygiene, including care of the skin, shampooing and grooming of hair, oral hygiene, shaving or beard trimming, cleaning and cutting of fingernails and toenails and shall be free of offensive odors.

(e)

Each patient shall be encouraged and/or assisted to achieve and maintain his highest level of self-care and independence. Every effort shall be made to keep patients active except when contraindicated by orders provided by a licensed health care practitioner acting within the scope of his or her professional

licensure.

(f)

Such supportive and restorative nursing and personal care needed to maintain maximum functioning of the patient shall be provided.

(g)

Treatment for minor illness or routine treatments for minor disorders when ordered by the licensed health care practitioner acting within the scope of his or her professional licensure shall be administered by nursing personnel.

(h)

Bedside nursing care may be provided on a temporary basis when the attending licensed health care practitioner acting within the scope of his or her professional licensure determines the illness to be temporary and minor.

(i)

When a patient requires services which are not considered to be intermediate care services, the licensed health care practitioner acting within the scope of his or her professional licensure shall be notified and arrangements made to transfer the patient from the intermediate care facility.